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SUBJECT: NEW PROTECTION FOR CLASS C2 AND C3 PKI SUSPECTS

1. GOI HAS ISSUED PRESIDENTIAL INSTRUCTION ORDERING ALL GOVERNMENT-CONNECTED AGENCIES AND BODIES INCLUDING STATE CORPORATIONS TO HALT DISMISSALS -- WIDESPREAD IN RECENT YEARS --OF EMPLOYEES CLASSIFIED AS "CLASS C-2 AND C-3" COMMUNIST (PKI) SUSPECTS. NEW INSTRUCTION ANNOUNCED BY MINISTER OF STATE FOR REFORM OF STATE APPARATUS J.B. SUMARLIN IN PRESS CONFERENCE JUNE 26. HEREAFTER DISMISSALS OF CLASS C-2 AND C-3 SUSPECTS JUSTIFIED ONLY IF THEY ARE ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES ENDANGERING SECURITY, AS DEFINED BY REGULAR CRIMINAL LAWS.

2. INSTRUCTION ALSO PROVIDES FOR SPECIAL MEASURES TO SUPERVISE AND REHABILITATE CLASS C-2 AND C-3 GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WHILE THEY CONTINUE WORKING. CLASS C-2 AND C-3 SUSPECTS PREVIOUSLY DISMISSED FROM GOVERNMENT JOBS AND BLACKLISTED FROM OBTAINING OTHER EMPLOYMENT ARE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY UNDER THE INSTRUCTION FOR RETROACTIVE HONORARY DISCHARGE, THUS CLEANSING THEIR RECORDS OF PKI TAINT AND ENABLING THEM TO SEEK OTHER WORK (BUT NOT REEMPLOYMENT WITH GOVERNMENT). INSTRUCTION ALSO PROVIDES FOR RESTORATION OF PENSION AND OTHER RIGHTS OF DISCHARGED C-2 AND C-3 SUSPECTS.

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3. COMMENT: C-2 SUSPECTS ARE FORMER MEMBERS OF COMMUNIST-BACKED MASS ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS LABOR AND YOUTH MOVEMENTS. C-3 SUSPECTS ARE THOSE WHO SHOWED SYMPATHY, THROUGH ACTIONS OR WRITINGS, FOR PKI, BUT FOR WHOM THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF CLEAR INVOLVEMENT IN 1965 COUP ATTEMPT. C-1 SUSPECTS ARE THOSE INVOLVED IN 1948 COMMUNIST UPRISING AT MADIUN AND WHO SUBSEQUENTLY SUPPORTED PKI THROUGH 1965 PERIOD, WITH GREATER DEGREE OF INVOLVEMENT THAN C-2 AND C-3 SUSPECTS, BUT LESS THAN CLASS A AND B SUSPECTS. CLASS C-1 SUSPECTS INELIGIBLE FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT. ALL CLASS C SUSPECTS WHO WERE DETAINED HAVE BEEN RELEASED IN RECENT YEARS, WHILE CLASS A AND B SUSPECTS STILL BEING HELD.

4. IN RECENT YEARS, MANY C-2 AND C-3 SUSPECTS (26,000 ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS) INCLUDING MANY FORMER MEMBERS OF COMMUNIST RAILWAY AND OIL WORKERS UNION, HAVE BEEN FIRED FROM GOVERNMENT JOBS AND BLACKLISTED. NEW PRESIDENTIAL INSTRUCTION DESIGNED TO STOP THIS PRACTICE AND PROVIDE FOR REHABILITATION OF THOSE ALREADY DISMISSED IS APPARENTLY BASED ON REALIZATION THAT DISMISSALS PROBABLY ULTIMATELY GREATER THREAT TO SECURITY THAN ALLOWING SUSPECTS TO REMAIN IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE. GOI'S NEW POLICY TO SOLVE THIS ASPECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS ORIGINATING FROM 1965 EVENTS WILL BE USEFUL STEP FORWARD, IF SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED.

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